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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY BUILDER JACK REED, SR., OF TUPELO UPON HIS RECEIPT OF THE 2015 MILLSAPS COLLEGE HONORARY DOCTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE DEGREE.

WHEREAS, few individuals have positively impacted the state of Mississippi like Jack Raymond Reed, Sr. A lifelong resident of Tupelo, Reed earned degrees from Vanderbilt University and New York University before returning to a life of business and service in his home state; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the United States Army who served in Australia and Japan during the Second World War, Mr. Reed made a career in business, managing Reed's Department Store and Reed Manufacturing Company. Reed was instrumental in building the Community Development Foundation, focused on regional economic development, and the CREATE Foundation, Mississippi's first community foundation. As a successful business leader, Reed had a strong impact on the growth of Tupelo, but his legacy goes much farther; and

WHEREAS, efforts to desegregate schools in the 1970s challenged communities across Mississippi, but Reed courageously supported public education in his community and throughout the state. Governor William Winter acknowledged Mr. Reed's commitment to public education by naming him Chair of the Special Committee on Public Education, which laid the groundwork for the historic Education Reform Act of 1982; and

WHEREAS, he later Chaired Mississippi's first lay State Board of Education from 1982-1987, and was tapped by President George H.W. Bush to head the National Advisory Committee on Education Research and Improvement. His commitment to public education figured prominently in his campaign as the Republican nominee for Governor in 1987. The Mississippi Association of Partners in Education's Winter-Reed Partnership Award was established to honor the unique bipartisan relationship forged by Governor Winter and Jack Reed; and

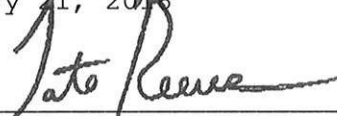
WHEREAS, active in the United Methodist Church, Reed served on the United Methodist National Commission on Religion and Race with then-Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Chairman Joseph Lowery and other Civil Rights figures. He is a former member of the Millsaps Board of Trustees, past Chairman of the First United Methodist Church in Tupelo, and was among the founders of LIFT, Inc., one of the first community services agencies in Mississippi and home of Tupelo's Head Start Program; and

WHEREAS, Jack Reed is a person of eloquence and a complete mastery of the political and economic development process whose strong, decisive leadership has built an indelible legacy of progress in his beloved State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize and congratulate Mississippi Community Builder Jack Reed, Sr., of Tupelo upon his receipt of the 2015 Millsaps College Honorary Doctor of Public Service Degree, and extend the best wishes of the Legislature to Mr. Reed and his family on this auspicious occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Jack Reed, Sr., forwarded to the Mayor and City Council of Tupelo, the President of Millsaps College, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
January 21, 2016



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
January 26, 2016



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES